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to be to put this in the balance with all the other things that we're going to want to do in this body. And I think each of us will have to make that decision. Whether some imbalance within our tax code for married versus singles is the issue for you, or whether it's going to be additional juvenile court judge, immunization registration; it's going to be brain registry, Department of Corrections and medical services, county jail reimbursement for parole revocation, enterprise zone credits, Nebraska Venture Capital Forum, school consolidation There's room for many of these things, but there's not room for all obviously. So it s a matter of prioritization. When we decide to make those prioritizations, and what we leave for the Governor to do, I'm not sure. If this is an issue that's been around for quite a while. In my mind this issue is an...it is unfair, and probably should be considered. But each of us is going to have to make our decision as to what is a more priority; having the money to spend, or to have a fair tax code. So I'm not really going to have... I really don't have an answer. I just want to remind that there's many, many issues that are going to be here, and they're going to have to take their place We made a decision on Senator Stuhr's bill last with others. week, that we're not going to spend that money for career development. These are all going to have to be made as we go But it's also true that if you don't...if you kill it now, it's not going to be there in May when you want to do it. So each of us has to decide that. By the way we have LB 801, which is legislative employee bill that's in the Retirement this morning, we're going to make a decision on. That has a significant amount of cost. And it will be a General Fund hit. But it is a fairness issue for those employees that work for us, for example. So we have several issues ahead. And I think it's whether you want to winnow them out now or winnow them out later. But if you winnow them out now, they're not available later; but if you have ... if you're going to really hold the line on spending, then there's going to be room for, maybe in this case, \$2.6 million of revenue loss. I don't intend to help you on these answers, I'm just probably discussing out loud where That's the first issue; the second issue is Senator we're at. Raikes', if this is the right committee amendment. Perhaps there can be further compromise, as we go along, to reduce the impact on this revenue loss. Maybe that ought to